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GRANDPA ZED HAS BEEN THE CHAMP FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS
THAT OLD GOAT COULDN'T EAT A CREAM PUFF
WHAT MAKES YOU SO SURE HE WON'T WIN AGAIN THIS YEAR?
GOT HIS TEETH !!

Evergreen

Evergreen, Dec. 27.- Christmas passed off very nicely around here. It doesn't seem that there are many sick here at this time. The Christmas programs given at both of the churches were enjoyed by everyone.

Rev. Terrel Brown preached a fine sermon here at the Baptist Church Sunday morning.

Those who visited Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover during Christmas were Frank Glover from Arlington; Mrs. James Griffin from Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Thompson, Mrs. Mary Sullivan and Walter Ore, of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Jennings and children, of Christiansburg are visiting his mother, Mrs. Sam Jennings.

Sgt. David Garrett returned to Westover, Mass., Monday after a week's visit with relatives.

Those who visited Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Warriner during Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gibson and two children, from Washington; Mr. and Mrs. David Garrett and Mrs. Howard Glover and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Massie, of Newport News spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. G. A. Chockley in the home of her sister, Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham.

Those who visited Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Glover during Christmas were Paul Ferguson, and D. T. Ferguson, of Lynchburg; Misses Marjorie, Gladys and Jean Womack; Miss Carrie Hodges and Olean Womack.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cralle visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Clapp, of Richmond over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Almond, Mrs. Mae Harvey and daughter, Nancy Joe called to see Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Glover Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hodge spent the week-end with relatives at Prospect.

Harold Hatcher, Miss Doris Evans and her father, J. L. Evans visited Mrs. Evans' wife at Catawba last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds and son Donald spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reynolds, of Vera.

CORRECTION:

In Dec. 15 issue of the Times-Virginian an error was made in our printing of the Evergreen news letter. The item: "Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Garrett are the happy parents of a baby girl," should have read: "Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Grishaw are the happy parents of a baby girl."

We regret this error and are glad to make this correction.-The Editor.

Senator Scott Lucas sees a cutback in U. S. spending.

Miss America of 1949 weds her school sweetheart.

Chinese Reds admit U. S. flyers being held.

Rain boosts water supply in New York City.

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Badge-Flasher Maneuvers Poolhall Out of $5,000

KLAMATH FALLS, ORE.—A distinguished looking gentleman walked into the crowded Klamath billiard hall, flashed a badge at two employees and said: "This is it, boys. Come along with me."

District Attorney Dayton Van Vactor, in reporting the event, said the visitors then picked up the pool-hall's strongbox containing $5,000 and led the puzzled employees to the county courthouse.

There he told them to be seated outside Van Vactor's office. He asked Van Vactor for the city attorney and was directed down the corridor. With the strongbox under his arm, he walked out of sight down the hall.

After a time, the two employees left their seats and asked the district attorney for an explanation. Then the search began.

Van Vactor said the man was traced to the airport — but that was the last seen of him and the $5,000.

Glamour Girl Makes Sure, Has Job for Real Security

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF. — A movie actress, Jacqueline Dalya, who has the big brown eyes of Gene Tierney and the curves of Maria Montez, isn't attempting to rely on glamour alone in making her way in the world. So, she got her a job selling brake linings.

Miss Dalya still plays the sultry, come-hither siren of the movies, but as insurance against the day when nobody wants to see her in pictures, she's salesmanager of a California autoparts manufacturing company, with a staff of 20 working for her.

"I've pushed sales up 22 per cent," she says, "and I believe I can increase business by 2 per cent a month for another year.

"I gave up pictures several months to attend strictly to business. Then I suggested to the president that I be sales manager between pictures. He said that I'm doing so well, he doesn't mind at all."

'Dark Horse' Wins Prize At Pancake Eating Test

WINTER, WIS.—Robert Massey, Mindoro, a couple of years back among pancake eating specialists, won Winter's national pancake eating contest with a meager score of 33.

Veteran observers conceded, however, that the pancakes were larger than in previous contests.

The record holder, William R. Copple of Winter, who downed 69½ pancakes a couple of years back, was not in form and finished a poor third after dropping out on pancake No. 26.

Charles Edwards of Radisson took second place with 30. Orie Hoffman of Exeland, with 23, and Clifford Holmberg of Winter, with 19, finished fourth and fifth.

A number of other aspirants to the title began too fast and fell by the wayside in a welter of syrup and butter.

The contest, an annual affair, is sponsored by the local American Legion post. It was held in the high school gymnasium. In case any of the contestants worked up an appetite, there were plenty of pork sausages and gallons of coffee at hand.

Woman Discovers She Hated Out Punishment in Error

ATLANTA, MICH. — Mrs. Bruce Underhill set an apple pie on her window sill to cool. Shortly afterward she found it had disappeared and spanked her three young sons, Elmer, Leo and Phillip.

Two days later Mrs. Underhill placed a mince pie on the window sill and it also was gone when she looked for it an hour later. This time Mrs. Underhill used an ax handle on Elmer, Leo and Phillip.

When she baked her third pie Mrs. Underhill decided to catch the culprits. She hid in the hayloft and watched. Just before dark a small bear came out of the woods, grabbed the pie and took off for a feast.

Elmer, Leo and Phillip now attend a weekly movie.

New quake shocks are felt in Japan.

Phone 30 with Personals.

Patrons Aged 30 'Forgotten' Class Of Movie-Attendants

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.—The forgotten man of the movies is the theatre-goer over 30 years of age. That's the contention of Maxwell Shane, producer, who declares the movie industry will boom when it realized that fact.

"People over 30," he says, "are finding it more comfortable to sit at home in the evening instead of going to a movie scaled to the mentality of a 15-year old." Shane's observation was made after a survey tour of movie-going habits in 24 states.

"These people of 30 are the customers the movies are losing," he said, "and the ones we have to reestablish in the movie-going habit."

The movie industry can stop worrying about customers over 30, Shane believes. He said he's found they'll go to the movies anyway, regardless of what may be playing.

"Children go to the movies no matter what the picture is," he said. "They just get the pictures. They like the cowboy pictures, of course, but the fact is they'll go to anything that's playing on the Saturday matinee.

"When they're a little older they go to pictures largely as a social function. They go with their gang or their school club. Hollywood can't lose them."

Shane's next classification of movie-goers is the older juvenile-young adult age.

"They're having dates and they go to the movies because it's a relatively inexpensive place to take a girl and a dark place to hold her hand."

But the folks who are making the dents in the box-office returns, he insists, are the ones over 30 who won't go out to a show unless they're sure it's a good one.

"They are more selective," says Shane, "because they go to fewer shows and also because their taste is more mature."

Auto mishaps took 17 lives over week-end in Old Dominion.

Try a Classified Ad.

Vera

Vera, Dec. 27.- Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Chernault spent Sunday afternoon and Monday with Mrs. J. T. Evans, of Thaxton.

Mr. Robert Chernault, of Washington, D. C., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Chernault.

Miss Irene Garrett spent the past week-end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Garrett.

Pvt. William Garrett is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Garrett.

Pvt. David Ferguson is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Evans Ferguson.

Miss Sally Lou Chernault and Herbert Carwile, of Pamplin, motored to Richmond Sunday afternoon.

Henry Chernault, of Pennsylvania is spending the Christmas holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blackwell, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Chernault and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Chernault and son, Gene spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Chernault.

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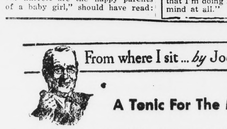

From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

A Tonic For The Missus

The missus came marching in with a new hat yesterday. She was as happy as a circus poster.

I've learned one thing about the hats she buys. A hat is a tonic to her. If she's feeling blue, nothing gives her a lift like a new hat. Now, I could trade in my old grey fedora without raising my blood pressure a notch. But I'll admit that more than once I've bought a new briar pipe I didn't need—just because life was getting a little bit monotonous.

With Buck Howell it's something else again. When Buck is feeling low, he gets over it by blowing on a broken-down clarinet he hasn't mastered in twenty years.

From where I sit, different people are always going to respond to different things in different ways. So let's keep a friendly under standing of what other folks get out of a new hat, an old clarinet, a chocolate soda or a temperate glass of sparkling beer or ale now and then.

Joe Marsh

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WE KNOW just how you feel, Santa. There's *nothing* like soaking in a good *hot* tub, or luxuriating in a *hot* shower, after a hard day's work. You've done a good job, your past of Christmas is over for this year, and you've earned the comfort and relaxation that comes with a nice *hot* bath!

We just hope you've got an ELECTRIC Water Heater up there at the North Pole. Then, all you have to do is turn the tap and enjoy *plenty of really hot water—all* you want—with no fuss, no muss, no bother. And while you were out and about doing your Christmas rounds, it was perfectly safe to ... an ELECTRIC Water Heater is *completely automatic, practically foolproof,* noflames, nofuses, no fumes!

Of course, for a good guy like you, such comforts ought to be free. Well . . . *it almost is,* because only 1c worth of electricity heats four gallons of water! Go on and get in that tub, Santa . . . *it couldn't happen to a nicer guy!*

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Time Not Constant In the Celebrations Of Christ's Nativity

While December is now the month in which Christ's birthday is celebrated by Christians all over the world, research and study show that Christ's nativity has been celebrated in January, March, April, September and October by various peoples.

And although few people know it, it was for the purpose of substituting for the Christian festival for pagan feasts of Romans and Druids that celebrations of Christmas in December were popularized.

No historian pretends to fix the actual date of Christ's birth or the date at which Christmas became a general festival.

About all that is known is that during the fourth century the feast of the Nativity was observed in all the Eastern world churches at different dates.

The confusion resulting from celebrations in seven months of the year caused the western church authorities to meet in 340 to set a definite date for the celebration. The eastern churches did not coincide until the ninth century when all but 28 was set as the day to be observed.

The question has arisen in many minds at times as to why December was selected as the month for rejoicing. The answer is that this month was chosen in order that a Christian festival could compete with those of the pagans, because December was noted for its feasts and holidays in nearly every civilized land.

Greeks, Romans, Saxons and Scandinavians all took part in the celebration of these festivals which originated before the birth of Christ.

From the Saxons came the ceremony of burning the Yule log. The Romans burned great bonfires in honor of their god Thor. From the Romans came the giving of presents, for this custom has been traced to the Roman Saturnalia.

It may seem strange to claim that the pagan riotousness might be the forbear of the Christian holiday of peace and love, but interwoven with that which was objectionable, were things that have come straight to the hearts of people throughout the Christian world.

Santa Affected By Restrictions

It is difficult to understand, but the genial spirit of Christmas and Santa Claus himself, hasn't always been easy. There have been occasions when laws or traditions or doctrines have put certain curbs on the old gentleman. Here are some examples:

In Newark, N. J., Santa is required to pass a stiff physical examination before he can serve in department store. And even then he is barred from kissing any of the children who perch upon his knee.

In Charleston, S. C., charity Santas have been forbidden to make calls on public streets on the day that children flocking in to them may create a traffic jam.

And in Washington a few years ago when the postmaster general was asked to print a Santa Claus stamp at Christmas time he replied that the proposal with a scornful shrug "should say not!"

Outside the U.S.A., Santa has had trouble, too. In Montreal, Canada, an influential organization fought against holding of the city's annual Santa Claus parade on the ground that it was "merely a display of grotesque and vulgar buffoonery." A prominent journalist in the Argentine fostered a movement to do away with Santa Claus and substitute in Brazil and substitute in Mexico City the minister of education recommended that the old Quetzalcoatl, instead of Santa, should bring gifts to children.

In the field of opinion, Santa has encountered some detractors. A Dr. E. McDougle, sociologist at Johns Hopkins college, Baltimore, declared that the Santa Claus myth has done long harm. Parents should subscribe to the philosophy—whatever that may be—that "Santa Claus is not necessarily a real man any more than any other character in a story book."

From Address By L.M. Walker

L. M. Walker, Jr., Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture, made the following remarks at a meeting of the Appomattox County Farm Bureau here December 15:

"I am always glad to be at farm meetings in Appomattox, and while I have never before talked to your Farm Bureau, I have been to your meetings on several occasions in the interest of your line plant which we operate in this county; I have attended a dairy cattle show on the court house grounds, and I have had many contacts with your good county agent and my friend, 'Rube' Hudgins.

"In order to get here, I had to sandwich a trip in between important meetings in Richmond today and a meeting in the Norfolk region tomorrow. Mr. Hudgins asked that I say something about the importance of farm organization. I have nothing new to say on this subject, but I doubt if there is a more important subject in the agricultural dictionary; and yet, it is one which too little has been said about. As far back as my working years go, while doing county agent work I organized several farm unions. In his connection, I was working with a farmer citizen of this county whom many of you knew and others have heard of, Mr. A. B. Thornhill of Bent Creek, president of the Farmers' Union of Virginia.

"The things this gentleman stood for in the way of organization are just as true today as they were in his time and vastly more needed. They were more needed because all other groups have become more intensely organized. I remember Mr. Thornhill's remarks about sitting on a soap box, spitting amber on passing insects and cussing the trust, and the drummer's driver lashing into the hornet's nest. To start with, you and I know as farmers, the odds are against us. When we go to do anything in an organized way, other groups outnumber us. There are more consumers than there are producers. Another trouble is that this country's voting strength has dwindled from about 80 per cent farmers to around 20 per cent, which means today that any time we talk about a living price for farm produce, there are five other people who want to buy it cheap. They do not always buy it cheap, and the sad part is they blame the farmers for the high cost of food.

"You and I know that the plug is taken out by the middelman, but too few customers reason that way. During the past twenty years around Richmond, I have been in contact with many city people, and I am often asked in sincerity if farmers are not doing well. Today a little dish of vegetables in a Richmond restaurant would be 12 or 20 cents, and the amount is often less than two tablespoonsful. This is even true of potatoes and cheaper food products. Lately we have seen little in the news sections of papers about cattle prices, except the $40 per cwt. cattle have been bringing in Chicago. These prices are correct, but it should be explained that there are just a few of these extremely good cattle which make this grade and price. Ordinary run of cattle are from one to two cents a pound more than they would be in Lynchburg today. A club member's baby beef at $1 a pound reads like a fortune.

"There are many other examples I can give. I think it is your duty as a farmer with products to sell, to correct this wrong impression when you run into it. I know people will not always believe you, sometimes they think I am so much on the farmer's side that my answer is unfair. Farm people are partly to blame.

"Since we have been working on the Displaced Persons Program, which is another story but one full of headaches, a good many people, many who are not farmers, have asked what these people are being paid, and we tell them with few exceptions, most people are paying from $40 to $60 per month, plus house, milk, garden, and so forth. Then the questions often arise on the part of the non farmer, how can a family live on $50 per month? The same people who think that $50 per month is too small for a family to live on, plus housing and so forth, think that farmers are making money. This is because they do not know.

"It has been my thinking for some time that we may be missing a bet by not spending more time informing consumers who have no farm background. While I believe your tobacco brought a fair price this year, and dairying which has been reasonably good has tapered off rather drastically, many of the side line crops which some farmers and tenants have to sell to pay taxes, and price necessities like corn, hay, and beans, are bringing a price today, which I believe you will agree are that hardly supports the cost of production.

"It came across my desk recently in a report on the cost of labor in the Richmond area, that $1.75 per hour was being paid for skilled labor, $1.00 for semi-skilled, and 80 cents for common labor. I have been considered pessimistic and some people have said that my remarks tend to put one group against another, but I assure that this is not true, but the injustice of the whole thing by fair comparison gives you a case of righteous indignation.

"Agriculture has many diseases, but a price level for farm produce, which will 'fit a little when the investment of the farm is thrown in and which is within "shotgun distance" of what other people with similar ability get, is necessary. Such agricultural legislation as we have seen proposed lately and as is now in operation has done good of course, but it is not the answer. The Brannan Plan, which has been a subject of much discussion recently, is more Socialistic than those now in operation, and the bad part about it is that it calls for everybody's tax money to help the producer, and lower prices to consumers, and it will take initiative away from those who might want to do good farming and produce high quality products. Why should we care if the Government makes up the difference? Government benefits of one kind or another, which appear to be on the increase, have, as you know, had a spoiling effect on our people of all classes ...the G. I. rocking chair money, Social Security, and others. In fairness to Mr. Brannan, however, I want to say that it is my thinking that he is sincere and wants to do something for the farmer, and he is painting a farm picture more fairly than any other man I have ever seen in high office in the U. S. Department of Agriculture. I believe his heart is right, but his judgment is on the soft side to the left, which would seem to be heading towards Socialism.

"We hear on all sides that in this day of mechanization fewer farmers are needed. I think this is true. I know we are doing much more for man than ever before and more for man than any other country in the world, but nobody has ever told me what all of the people in the cities are going to do if and when economic conditions. We were told when the telephone dial came in that many girls would be out of work and that we would seen an indication of it. Every kind of implement is being used to load and unload freight, yet nobody seems to say that the city is getting more mechanized." * * *

"The Farm Bureau or no other organization can be perfect or get the whole job done, but I am firm in my belief that conditions will be no where near what they should be unless and until farmers are organized in such a manner that they can demand fair treatment." * * *

ORDER VESTA SEED EARLY IS ADVICE

Virginia growers are reminded to order seed as soon as possible for one of the black-shank resistant Vesta strains of tobacco.

S. B. Fenne, plant pathalogist at V. P. I., says seed can be ordered through county farm agents, or can be obtained by going to Virginia Experiment Station's bright tobacco research unit at Chatham.

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